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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Timothy S. Smith

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 18, 20-38, 43, 45-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 18, 20-38, 43, 46 and 47 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action represents a non-final first Office Action for the application titled "PARTITION MOUNT WITH EXTENDED-LENGTH HEAD," filed June 20, 2003.

The finality of the previous Office Action is hereby withdrawn.

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 7, line 22, "body 40" should be changed to –rail 40–, line 25 should be changed to –rail 40–. On page 8, line 16, "flange 60" should be changed to –flange 63–.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 45 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,926,522 to Wang.

Wang discloses a mount comprising: an elongated body (71) having a longitudinal axis, a curtain interface (72) coupled to an upper surface of the body, and a coupler (65) adapted for coupling the elongated body to a mounting member (11), the coupler including an interface (62) adapted to receive a mounting member, the coupling

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position of the coupler being adjustable over a range of positions relative to the longitudinal axis of the body (the coupler position can be adjusted by rotating the coupler about threaded stud insert 62) , wherein the position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body (each rotation of the coupler about threaded stud insert 62 constitutes an indexed position).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-16, 18, 20-38, 43, 46, and 47 are allowed.

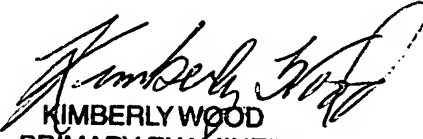
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy S. Smith whose telephone number is 703-272-8296. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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